Electrification of Railway station in Bihar

3755. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway stations in Bihar where electrification work has been in progress during 1993-94 and till 30th June, 1994;

(b) what are the details of the amount spent on this work during the said period; and

(c) by when this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRl C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): fa) 39 stations.

(b) Rs. 24.80 lakhs approximately were spent on this work during the year 1993-94 and till 30th June, 1994.

(c) The work of electrification at 15 stations has already been completed and the work at the remaining 24 stations is planned to be completed by 31.3.96 subject to timely service connection being effected by Bihar State Electricity Board.

Supply of poor substandard Food to MPs in Railway Canteen, Parliament House

3756. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAU TAM; Will the Minister of RAH*. WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by Government regarding the supply/service of poor and substandard quality food to members of Parliament in Parliament canteens located in Parliament House during the last six months;

(b) whether there is a mismanagement in Parliament House Annexe railway canteen;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into these complaints;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by Government to improve the quality of food?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No such complaints have been received during the last six months.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) A joint Committee on catering comprising of Members of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is looking into the aspects of improvement of quality of food and service to the Hon'ble Members in Parliament House.

Ticketless travelling in Trains

3757. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(A) whether it is a fact that the incidence of travelling without tic ket in trains has increased in the country;

(b) if so, the routes|trains iden tified where such incidents are on the increase;

(c) the number of cases of travel ling without ticket which have come to the notice of Government during the last six months; and

(d) the details of action taken against persons travelling without ticket?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)-(a) Consequent upon intensrve drives launched by the Railways 53.00 lakh persons were detected travel-

ling without ticket or with improper ticket during the period April 1994 to February, 1995 as against 43.85 lakh persons during the corresponding period of last year.

(b) The incidence of ticketless travelling is generally more on branch line trains.

(c) and (d) During the last six months period ending February, 1995, 29.18 lakh persons were detected travelling without ticket or with improper ticket and charged fare and penalty as per the extant railway rules. 81,268 persons were also prosecuted.

Raising the Platform at Barbil Railway Station

3758. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BA. RIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a growing demand and an urgent need to raise the platform at Barbil rail way station in Keonjhar district of Orissa; and

(b) if so. the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):
(a) and (b) The work of raising of platform at Barbil has already been taken up at a cost of Rs. 5.83 lakh.

Doubling of 'Rail Line between Khurda Road and Puri

3759. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the reasons for which the proposal for doubling the rail line between Khurda Road arid Puri has been rejected;

(b) whether Government propose to reconsider the proposal and take up the doubling work; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The proposal for doublng of Khurda Road-Puri section was examined in consultation with the Railway. It was found that the capacity of the existing section to handle the level of traffic could be augmented by certain other works an doubling was not required at present.

(b) Not at present.

(c) Does not arise.

बीकानेर–जयपुर–हावड़ा मार्ग पर तेज गति की रेलगाड़ी

3760. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बीकानेर–जयपुर–हावड़ा मार्ग पर तेज गति की एक यात्री रेलगाड़ी चलाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) क्या बीकानेर–जयपुर–कोटा–बीना–मद्रास मार्ग पर भी तेज गति की एक यात्री रेलगाड़ी चलाने संबंधी प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) जयपुर से हावड़ा, मुम्बई और मद्रास को जाने वाली रेलगाड़ियों के समय में प्रतिदिन कई घंटों का विलंब होने के क्या-क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) उन रेलगाड़ियों का समय पर पहुंचना सुनिश्चित करने के लिये क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ग) और (घ) जयपुर–सियालदह और जयपुर–बम्बई गाड़ियों के चालन समय में प्रतिदिन घंटों का विलंब नहीं